

*Stated Meeting, November 20, 1863.*

Present, fifteen members.

Prof. CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Prof. A. Delesse, dated Paris, November 3d, 1863.

Donations to the Library were received from the Royal Astronomical Society at London, the Department of Agriculture at Washington, the Franklin Institute, and Blanchard & Lea of Philadelphia.

The Secretary announced the deaths of T. E. Blackwell, of London, and Jacob Grimm, of Berlin, late members of the Society.

Mr. Cornelius exhibited and explained to the Society his three instruments for lighting gas by means of the Electro-phorus, and also his arrangements for rendering uniform the supply of gas to the burners.

Messrs. Cornelius and Briggs made some remarks upon the manufacture of hard rubber, and its use for electrical and other purposes.

Dr. Coates called the attention of the Society to the so-called *tea plant* of Pennsylvania, and quoted the investigations of M. Maische, to prove that it contained no substance resembling *thein*. Mr. James said that the plant was doubtless the *Ceanothus Americanus*. The discussion of the subject was continued by other members present.

The minutes of the last meeting of officers and members of Council were read.

On motion of Mr. Peale, the Curators were authorized to exchange the intestinal calculus in the Cabinet of the Society, for certain stone implements in the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

And the Society was adjourned.